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SHOULD WOMAN HAVE REPRESENTATION IN THE BOARDS OF FEMALE SCHOOLS?

First, it will be well to notice a few of the duties of the board in order to see whether or not woman is able to perform them.

Great are the responsibilities which rest upon the shoulders of those who fill this office. The board of some schools has to attend to everything, as electing teachers, president, the laying out of a course of study to be pursued, and the financial affairs—all this is placed in the hands of the board. This is not the case in all schools. In some the board elects the president or principal only, and he is at liberty to select and pay his own teachers, and to attend to all the affairs of the school. Here the power is mostly vested in the president, and not so much depends upon the board. Having noticed only a few of the duties of this body, we are satisfied that woman is capable of performing them, and ought to have representation here. Why? is a question which may be asked by some who always speak of woman's sphere as restricted to her home. They say it is hers to attend to the sacred duties of home, and let those—the stronger sex—who know more about the regulation of schools, conduct the affairs. Ah, here is a grand mistake! A man, if he knows anything, knows better how he wants his daughters educated than any one else, and it is his duty to strive toward that end. Thus it is with a woman, who by the death of her husband, is thrown in his place—it becomes her duty to say how and under what system she desires the education of her daughters; and if she be not permitted to speak, who will speak for her? "Only a woman knows a woman's needs," says Saxe. This is a strong reason why, that she knows better than man, what best suits in both the mental and moral education of her sex. To infuse a higher moral and religious tone, as well as intellectual into the system of

our schools, is in the highest degree necessary; and what man is more able to do this than tender, refined woman?

There are many other reasons why woman should be well represented in the board. If it is not to be filled entirely by her, she should not be entirely excluded; for neither sex is so perfect that it cannot be somewhat improved by the other. Men have their rough edges to be filed off, and there is no better way to have this done than to mingle their thoughts and opinions with beings of a more refined nature.

The ability of woman to fill this office can no longer be doubted. We are living in a progressive age—an age in which woman's opinions are being sought in every department of life. Fifty years ago, this could not have been said of her. Half a century ago, hooted at would have been the idea of woman's entrance into a school-house for the purpose of instructing the young; but how times have changed! Since then she has entered the field of education, and to-day many of our private and public schools are taught by her, and the success she has made is convincing proof that she is most able to give her opinion on anything relating to the government of schools.

It has always been the opinion

of man that woman is mentally and physically weaker than he. We do not deny the fact that she is physically weaker, but we will ever defend the fact that she is mentally his equal. One reason why she has always been thrown in the back-ground in education and the only reason, is because she has not had the chance of man. He has gone along before dining to the health of his intellect on the sweet-meats of knowledge, while she came along behind picking the tiny bits which remained on the bones but (thanks be to God!) this condition no longer prevails in the education of woman. Colleges and seminaries for her instruction have been erected in all lands where they realize the fact that "education is the chief defence of nations." Sensible men have long ago discarded the thought that woman is inferior in mind to man, but as men like to be superior, it must be a humiliating confession for some of them to make. Since opportunities for her mental improvement have been opened, and in places where masculine and feminine intellects have been educated together, she has, in a number of cases, proved herself to be even superior in mind to man—mentally able to accomplish more than he. She is able to take a row in the fertile field of

medicine with her fellow-man; she is competent to plead with him at the bar; in the wicked benighted fields of heathen lands she has made a much greater success in winning souls for Christ than ever man has made; in the political world her influence is being felt—though some declare it is beyond her sphere to labor in political fields, as that will tend to steal away her refinement—but nevertheless she is man's equal here, and from the success she has made in everything else, we venture the assertion that her voice would be a blessing here also.

Having noticed the fact that woman has made complete success in all she has ever undertaken, we say again, that in the body which regulates our colleges or seminaries, she is most worthy and able to be represented.

When we say one has the ability to do anything, we mean he has power to do it. Now "Knowledge is power" says Bacon; and another adds, "hence it is a blessing or a curse according to the way it is used." By education woman is endowed with power on

a par with man; and as she generally uses this knowledge to a better advantage than man, and is the most earnest worker in her undertakings of any other creature under the sun, we say give her a place and she will ably fill it.

Woman is a being full of ambition, and in the clear blue sky of knowledge, we see the sun of her intellect striving hard to reach the zenith of her aspirations where it will take a firm stand, ever shedding forth beams of truth and refinement on a yet rude world.

The result of giving woman representation in the board of female schools would be more than one can imagine. But we know this much: it would have the effect to place our schools on a more holy and refined basis; such requirements as the feminine mind needs would be given, and a much higher, moral and religious tone would pervade every department where woman's voice is heard.

So we will conclude by again affirming that woman should have representation in the board of female schools. C. L. '95.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

While we talk of accomplishments let us not fail to realize that the very first accomplishment for a lady to secure is a correct use of the English language. Nothing whatever can be used to make up for this deficit, while on the other hand, this possession will "cover a multitude of faults."



GOOD MORNING!

How few realize what a magic influence these two little words, heartily spoken, have! Has there not been a time when you felt almost discouraged and that no one was much interested in you; when a pleasant "good-morning!" from a passer-by inspired you with renewed ambition and hope?

If you have felt thus, is it not reasonable to suppose that others have had like experiences? How

many hearts have you made lighter by your cherry "good morning?"

Students, teachers, friends, acquaintances, strangers, all! be watchful not to let pass unnoticed these little opportunities of helping others.



ADVANTAGES.

We sometimes hear schools disparaged because they do not have as many advantages as another school at another place. This reminds us very forcibly of a striking remark which we heard President Cromer make in a public address at Little Mountain, S. C. As nearly as we can remember he said: There never was a student in Newberry college who FULLY made use of all the advantages offered there. We sometimes regret that our institution is not

on the railroad where more of these much-talked of advantages could be secured; but with such a regret comes the reminder that at present students remain in their rooms during some of the evening lectures which have been arranged for their profit and entertainment. We believe that we can also say that there never was a student in Mont Amœna Seminary who fully embraced all the advantages offered here.

All the above leads us to remark that the student is not benefitted by the advantages offered, but by the advantages properly utilized by the student.



COMMENCEMENT.

The Seminary commencement will have some marked changes this year. In the first place, it will occupy less time than formerly, commencing Saturday evening and closing at noon Monday. Thus, all the Seminary exercises will be together while all the exercises of the college may be the same. In the next place, less preparation will be made on the part of the students for commencement. The annual concert, which is so helpful to the few elect who

participate, and so discouraging to the remainder of the music school, will be omitted this year. Nothing will be allowed to interfere with the regular class-room work, which will regularly continue to the close of school. A hired orchestra will be secured to furnish the music for all exercises. Thus, a premium is placed upon good, thorough work during all the session, with no effort for display at the close. Other institutions with work similar to Mont Amœna have tried this plan with marked advantages to the school, and leads us to believe that it will result in profit to ourselves.

The program for commencement is as follows:—

Senoir Reception, Saturday evening, May the 27th, 8 to 11 p. m.
Music by Davis' Orchestra,
Charlotte, N. C.

Baccalaureate sermon, Sunday, May 28th, 11 a. m., by Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., Charlotte, N. C.

Address before the seminary students, Sunday, 8 p. m., by Rev. Geo. H. Cox, Organ Church, N. C., Pres. board of trustees.

Graduating Exercises, Monday May 29th, 10 a. m.

IN MEMORY OF MISS LILLIE
BELLE SUMMER.

Whereas God in his infinite wisdom saw fit on February the 14th to remove from this earth to the home above, Miss Lillie Belle Summer, the assistant music teacher in Mont Amœna Female Seminary, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., the Faculty of the same do adopt the following resolutions:

1.—That we submit with humble resignation to this act of providence, knowing that our Heavenly Father possessess infinite wisdom and works all things together for good to them that love Him.

2.—That we tender to the bereaved relatives our heartfelt sympathy over the brief separation from this loved one, and bid them find consolation from the sure hope of eternal life with a reunion of all those who fall asleep in Jesus.

3.—That we sorely feel our loss in being deprived of such an efficient and conscientious assistant

co-laborer, who had the promise by natural qualifications and great ambition of becoming eminently useful in her chosen profession.

4.—That we testify to her Christian graces, her lovable and cheerful disposition, and her many acts of love and friendship in the school which made her a favorite with students and teachers.

5.—That her association in the school has been of the most helpful kind, and her memory we will ever cherish, and in cherishing it will do us good.

6.—That these resolutions be recorded in the Minutes of the Seminary, that a copy be sent the relatives, and that they be published in the MONT AMOENIAN, The Concord Standard, The Times, The Lutheran Visitor, and The Enterprise Gazette, Senoia, Ga.

Respectfully,

HENDERSON N. MILLER, Pres.

VIRGINIA SHOUP, Sec.

Committee.

SEMINARY NEWS.

A PHILANTHROPIC DEED!

Dr. Ludwig is kind to all his pupils, but of late he has been showing decided partiality to the members of the Senoir class. Some time ago he treated their dignity to turnips. Now, Prof. Tom intended that these roots be used for geometrical figures but the youngladies preferred making the figures DENTIFORM instead.



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The Don's orchestra, from Charlotte, is expected to furnish music for the Reception and the Graduating Exercises.



GRADUATING SUBJECTS.

The United States of the 20th Century, Miss Hatie Weddington.
Our late war heroes, Miss L. A. Blackwelder.
The territory of the United States, Miss Katie Smith.

Will the 20th Century change the position of woman in the home? Miss Toinetta Lathan.

The victory of Woman's Education, Miss Rosa Miller.

Esse quam viders, Miss Myrtle Patterson.

The most widely circulated books of the world, Miss Belle Edleman.

Art and its educational value, Miss Minnie Fellers.

Education in the old North State, Miss Florence Long.

The Hearth-stone of Genius, Miss Bessie Monts.

American Humorists, Miss Mamie Miller.



—Rain!

—And rain!

—And rain and rain!

—And rain, rain, rain, ad infinitum!

—Who ever saw so much rain any way?

Only a few weeks 'till commencement!

A number of the young ladies spent Easter at home.

Mr. Paul Barger called to see his sister Maggie on April 11.

Misses Summer and Sonder dined at Rev. Linn's on April 1st.

Miss Summer spent Saturday night April 1st, with Mrs. Scherer.

Miss Grace Brown, of Concord, Feb. On the first night after
dined at the Seminary on March her arrival she was honored with
29. a most musical serenade.

Miss Sonder spent Saturday The subject for the Senoir prize
night and Sunday, April 1st and essay medal contest is "Carlyle's
2nd, with Miss Winona Cooke. Heroes and Hero Worship." The

Miss Callie Lipe spent some prize essay will be published in
days last week with friends in the commencement number of the
Mt. Pleasant and the Seminary. MT. AMOENIAN.

Miss Rose Powlas, Mamie Mil- The girls prevailed on Dr. Mil-
ler, Anna Dreher and Mary Hen- ler to give them a holiday on
drix spent easter with relatives Monday after Easter. They
in town. spent the afternoon strolling over

Catharine B. Fisher, infant trillium cliffs and hunting wild
daughter of Prof. and Mrs. J. H. flowers and lizards.
C. Fisher, is now added to the We heard some one say that

On Saturday evening, March 11, three-fourths of the annual rain
Misses Summer, Sonder, Hentz fall had already fallen. It cer-
and Shoup, took tea and spent the tainly is to be hoped that this is
evening at Prof. Scherer's. a good indication that we shall

The electric clock has been in have a commencement without
operation for some weeks. It is rain.
needless to say that it is a great

Miss Cordelia Meinung, from Dr. Ludwig is delivering a se-
Salem, N. C., is the latest student ries of four lectures on Political
to enroll at Mt. Amœna. She Economy. The lectures are de-
made the enrollment number 101. livered on Saturday evenings in

The "Big Six" are getting the hall. No student can afford to
along nicely. They have had no miss a single one of these instruc-
more thrilling experiences since tive lessons.
the February issue of the
MONT AMOENIAN.

Miss Lettie Kern, of Salisbury, The town people have lately
entered school about the first of been very liberal in help toward

All Fool's Day was a time of general merriment in the Semi-

nary. Prof. Fisher doubtless was glad he had a screw-driver in his room on that morning, April 1. Had he not been so fortunate he might have had to go breakfastless.

Mr. and Mrs. Riser called to see the S. C. girls on Monday morning April 3. Mr. Riser thinks N. C. a pretty good "dumping ground" for S. C. girls. One of the girls thinks it a good "dumping ground" for S. C. preachers also.

Misses Belle Eddleman, Pearl Rendleman, Mabel Bostian, Lillie Blackwelder, Hattie Weddington, Florence Long, Lucy Barrier, Hallie Miller, Anna Cauble, Sallie Lingle, Lettie Kern, Pearl Barringer, Daisy Furr, Bessie Furr, Myrtle Patterson and Maggie Moser, spent Easter at their respective homes.

Rev. G. D. Bernheim, D. D., Wilmington, N. C., lately remembered the Seminary by a donation of a lot of books for the library, and several volumes of magazines for the reading room. These have been very helpful, and for which the school is very grateful. Mont Amœna needs a larger library, and we hope to see a movement in such a direction in the near future.

The latest addition to the modern equipment of Mt. Amœna is

an electric program clock. By a system of electric wires connected with the clock, bells in different parts of the building are rung automatically, announcing the entire program for the day from six in the morning to rise 'till ten at night to retire. The superiority of this modern arrangement over the hand bell gives great satisfaction to the members of the school. We believe this is the first electric program clock to be installed in any Lutheran institution of the United Synod. It is the gift of the teachers and students for the session 1898-99, assisted by generous friends.

The junior class of Mt. Amœna gave an entertainment on March 25. Every one seemed to enjoy the occasion. The following is the program of the evening with the exception of the reception which is usually considered one of the most interesting features of such an entertainment:

PROGRAM.

1. Welcome address.—Miss A. Barringer.
2. Second Mazurka, Godard.—Miss Hendrix.
3. Recitation, "Keepers of the Light."—Miss Cook.
4. "Meditation."—Miss P. Barringer.
5. Duet, "Auf Wiedersehn," Bailey.—Misses Layton and Rendleman.

6. Reading, "An Irish letter" —Miss Moser.
7. "Faith, Hope, and Charity." —Misses Setzler, Barringer, Powlas and Bostian.
8. "Resignation."—Misses Setzler and Powlas.
9. Moonlight on the Hudson, Wilson.—Miss Cauble.
10. Recitation, "Tom Sawyer's Illness."—Miss Hendrix.
11. Vocal duet, "Gathered flowers," Glover.—Misses McAlister and Layton.
12. Duet, "Dixie," Arr. Roeder.—Misses Hendrix and Cook.
13. Broom drill.
14. Study in attitudes.



ALUMNÆ.

'94. Miss Bessie Crook's school closed last month and she is at home now.

'98. Miss Laura Efird who was teaching during the winter, is at home now.

'96. Mrs. Wilbur Riser, nee Miss Zenith Layton, likes her home in Virginia very much.

'90. Mrs. C. D. Cobb, nee Miss Lelia Cook, it is hoped, will spend commencement in Mt. Pleasant.

'96. Miss Emma Lipe has been at home for some time. We hope to see her in Mt. Pleasant this spring.

'97. Miss Effie Misenheimer is expected home about the last of May. Wish you had been here on Easter Sunday, Effie.

'98. Miss Florence Fray's school closed several weeks ago. After visiting friends in Mt. Pleasant she returned to her home in Virginia.

'96. Miss Hentz continues to receive epistles from Chicago, whereupon very frequently "iron tears" are discernible. I suppose letters to Chicago as well sometimes are marked by "iron tears."

'96. Miss Minnie Derrick is getting along very successfully with her work in Ellore. Minnie's school will close about the last of May. We believe Minnie has changed considerably since she left Mont Armenia—in some respects at least.



SEMINARY ODDITIES.

Hats left in the Seminary are said to become automatous.

The Seniors like to interview Prof. Fisher about examination time.

Prof. Fisher while "on hospitable thoughts intent" missed his supper one evening.

One of the young ladies after spending a night in town was

heard to remark: "My lips are so sore I can't go to walk."

Miss S.—Have you worked all the examples?

Miss N.—No, not all.

Miss S.—How many did you work?

Miss N.—Not any.

SENIOR SAGACITY.

Bal.—Cotton Mather died on "Feb. 31, 1728."

Monk.—Franklin modelled his style after "Tennyson's Spectator."

Bal.—Oxford conferred upon Franklin the degree of "Doctor of Art."

Ma.—Franklin was appointed "Postoffice General" of America.

Trixy.—I received a letter from my "mother-in-law" this evening.

Trixy.—My friend had just attended an "oratorical oration" before writing me.



TOWN NEWS.

Dr. Foil has returned from his trip to Philadelphia.

Mr. Luke Johnson visits in the village quite frequently.

Miss Lollie Græber visited her friends in town a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Cline who has been quite ill, we are glad to say, is convalescent.

Mrs. Maggie Cooke is spending a while with her sister, Mrs. Shuping.

Miss Pink Ridenhour spent a few days not long since, with her sister, Mrs. Barnhardt.

Mrs. John Suther, nee Miss Ida Ritchie, was a guest at Dr. Ludwig's some weeks past.

Miss Florence Fray was a guest of Prof. and Mrs. Bowers for several days last month.

Mrs. George Ritchie and her daughter Grace, visited in Mt. Pleasant a week or two ago.

Miss Grace Heilig spent several days last week, with friends and relatives in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. D. B. Castor and her son, De Kime, of Concord, spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. Fisher's.

Miss Essie Johnson, of Harrisburg, was a guest of Mrs. Lawson Foil's, for a few days in March.

Miss Daisy James is able to be up again. Miss Daisy has been sick a long time and we hope soon to see her entirely well.

Miss Maud Gordan has gone to her home in Virginia, taking with her her little nephew Elwood Bowers. Miss Maude leaves many friends in Mt. Pleasant who regret her absence and will welcome her back at any time.

Dr. and Mrs. Bowman are now boarding with Mrs. Welsh.

Mr. Smith, of Charleston, entered college at the beginning of last term.

Mr. Clarence Moser has secured employment in the cotton factory of Mt. Pleasant.

A series of meetings was begun at the M. E. church on Monday night, April 10th.

Several weeks ago several accessions were made by letter, to the membership of St. James.

On Sunday, April 9, twenty-eight accessions were made to the membership of Holy Trinity, five by confirmation and twenty-three by letter.

There was a public debate at the College on the 10th ult. Subject—Resolved, That America has reached her Zenith. The judges decided in favor of the negative.

During Passion week Rev. Linn assisted by Prof. Scherer, Dr. Miller and Prof. Fisher, held services in the Lutheran church every night up to Friday.

Rev. Oney delivered a lecture at the college in February. Subject: "The Human Body." Mr. Oney's treatment of this subject was instructive and interesting.

Married—On Sunday morning, April 9, at the bride's home, Miss Lyde Fisher to Mr. Frank Brown, Rev. Linn officiating. The MONT ARMENIAN extends hearty congratulations to these young people, and wishes them a life of bliss.

On Sunday evening, April 2, The Woman's Missionary Society gave a public exercise in the church. The program of the evening consisted of music, a recitation by Miss Lyde Fisher, a reading by Mrs. Linn and an address by Mr. George Riser.



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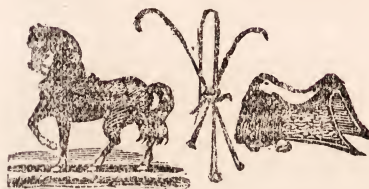
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